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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN GUINEA: REPORT TO CONGRESS

REF: A) 77 CONAKRY 2417; B) CONAKRY 0012; C) CONAKRY 0050

1. AS EMPHASIZED IN REFTELS A AND B, DURING DECEMBER AND EARLY JANUARY THE HUMAN RIGHTS TREND IN GUINEA WAS DISTINCTLY ENCOURAGING -- INCLUDING A LARGE AMNESTY OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF RENEWED TIES WITH THE RED CROSS, MOVES TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF REFUGEE-RELATED DIFFERENCES WITH SENEGAL/IVORY COAST, AND AN EASING OF CONTROLS ON THE MARKETPLACE ENOUGH TO SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE THE CONSUMER GOODS SUPPLY IN COONAKRY AND OTHER TOWNS. WITHOUT ALTERING HIS THEORETICAL PRINCIPLES, PRESIDENT TOURE IS PLAINLY VENTURING GINGERLY INTO EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL DETENTE.

2. IT IS BOTH APPROPRIATE AND IMPORTANT THAT THE DEPARTMENT REPORT ON HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONGRESS REFLECT OBJECTIVELY AND ACCURATELY THIS LATEST TREND, AND REF A  
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SO URGED. NOT ONLY DOES THE DEPARTMENT OWE CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC AN HONEST, BALANCED, TIMELY ACCOUNTING, BUT ALSO, THE GUINEAN GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO THE REPORT -- THE FIRST EXTENSIVE US STATEMENT CRITICAL OF GUINEAN PRACTICES -- WILL HAVE A DIRECT AND IMPORTANT EFFECT ON THE ATMOSPHERE AND RESULTS OF OUR FUTURE DIALOGUE ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE GOG AS WELL AS OTHER

US NATIONAL OBJECTIVES IN GUINEA.

3. RECENT CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH MOUSSA DIAKITE, SENIOR POLITBUREAU MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR US RELATIONS, AND WITH OTHER GOG OFFICIALS INDICATE THE REACTION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S RECENT NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR INTERVIEW WAS STRONGER AND MORE KEENLY FELT THAN WAS REFLECTED BY PRIM MINISTER BEAVOGUI ON JANUARY 7 (REF C). IT APPEARS PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE, MOUSSA DIAKITE AND OTHER LEADING MEMBERS OF THE GOG WERE DEEPLY HURT BY UNFLATTERING COMPARISON OF GUINEA TO UGANDA. GOG SOURCES UNOFFICIALLY TERM THE INTERVIEW ESPECIALLY UNFORTUNATE, COMING AT A TIME THE GOG IS DISPOSED TO LISTEN TO AND ACT ON QUIET US DEMARCHES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND WHEN GOG HAS BEEN LESS RESPONSIVE IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS.

4. CONDITIONED BY ABOVE INCIDENT GOG REACTION IS APT TO BE EXTREMELY SHARP IF HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT TO CONGRESS IS STRONGLY CRITICAL OF GOG, NOT BALANCED IN REPRESENTATION OR NOT UP-TO-DATE IN ITS FACTS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: HAVING RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO PARA 10, REF A, EMBASSY AGAINSTURGES THAT GUINEAN REPORT BE REDRAFTED TO GIVE FULL CREDIT FOR RECENT GOG PRISONER RELEASES AND OTHER RECONCILIATORY MOVES AND TO REVISE  
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ESTIMATED POLITICAL PRISONER FIGURE DOWNWARD. A REPORT THAT APPEARS TO DISTORT OR MISREPRESENT GUINEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION AND REFLECT HOSTILE TAG ATTITUDE TOWARD GOG WOULD LIKELY SOUR THE RECENT POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE OF US-GUINEAN RELATIONS AND SERIOUSLY INHIBIT GOG WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE. CROSBY

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